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ORSHA, USSR



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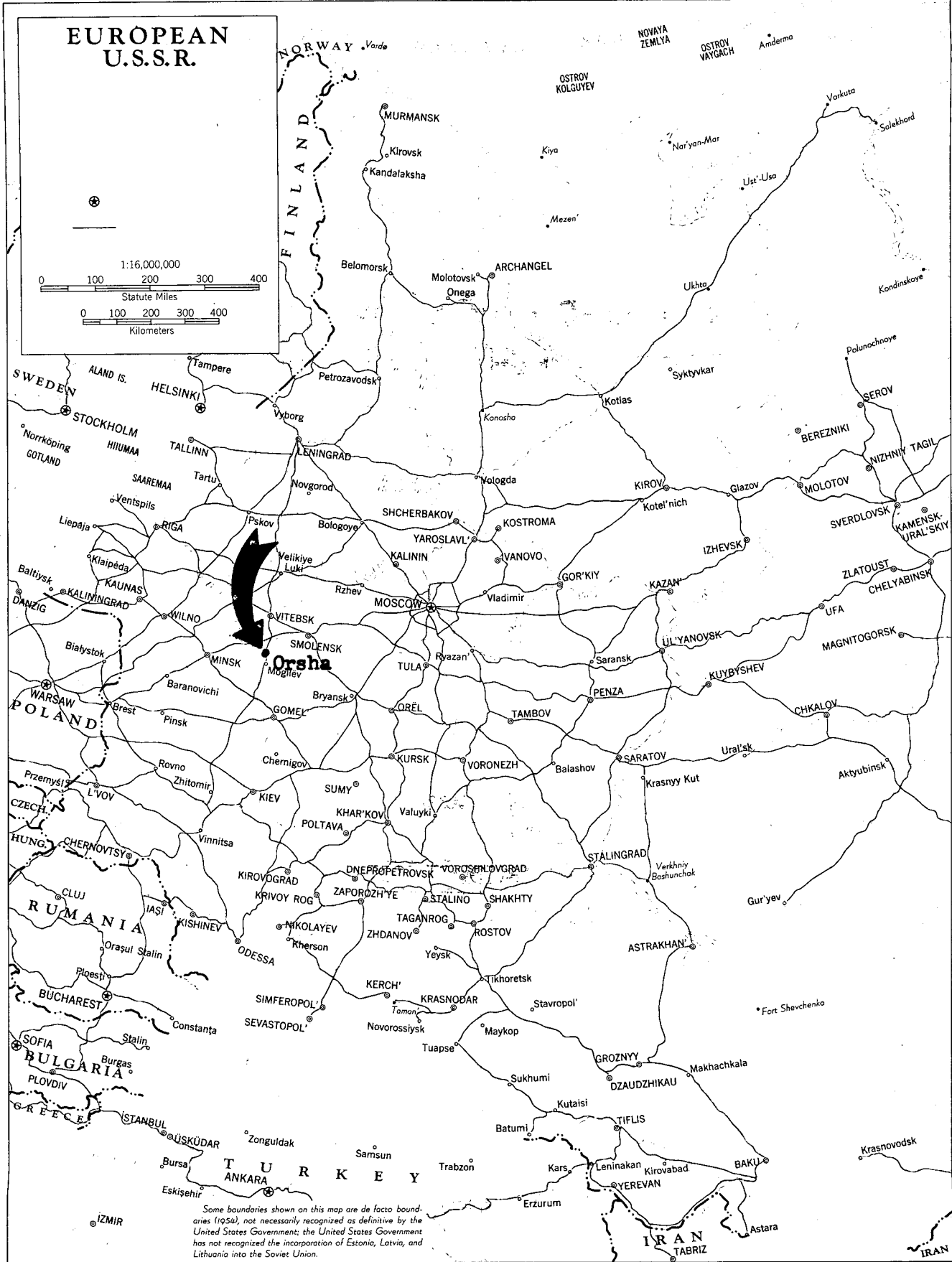
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Orsha is located 75 miles west of Smolensk at the junction of the Brest-Moscow and Leningrad-Kursk rail lines. The complex of rail facilities at Orsha consists of three distinct units: the Northwest Yards, the East Yards, and the Southwest Yards.

25X1D A comparison of [REDACTED] photography with that of [REDACTED] reveals no 25X1D
apparent change in the Southwest Yards. In the Northwest Yards one of the two turntables has been removed, and trackage in the classification yard has been reduced by half. New construction in this area includes a loading platform and a freight warehouse. In the East Yards trackage in the classification yards has been reduced by half, and one section of a shop building has been dismantled.

Components of each of the three rail yards at Orsha are annotated on the photograph and described in the accompanying key.

KEY TO ANNOTATIONS

NORTHWEST YARDS

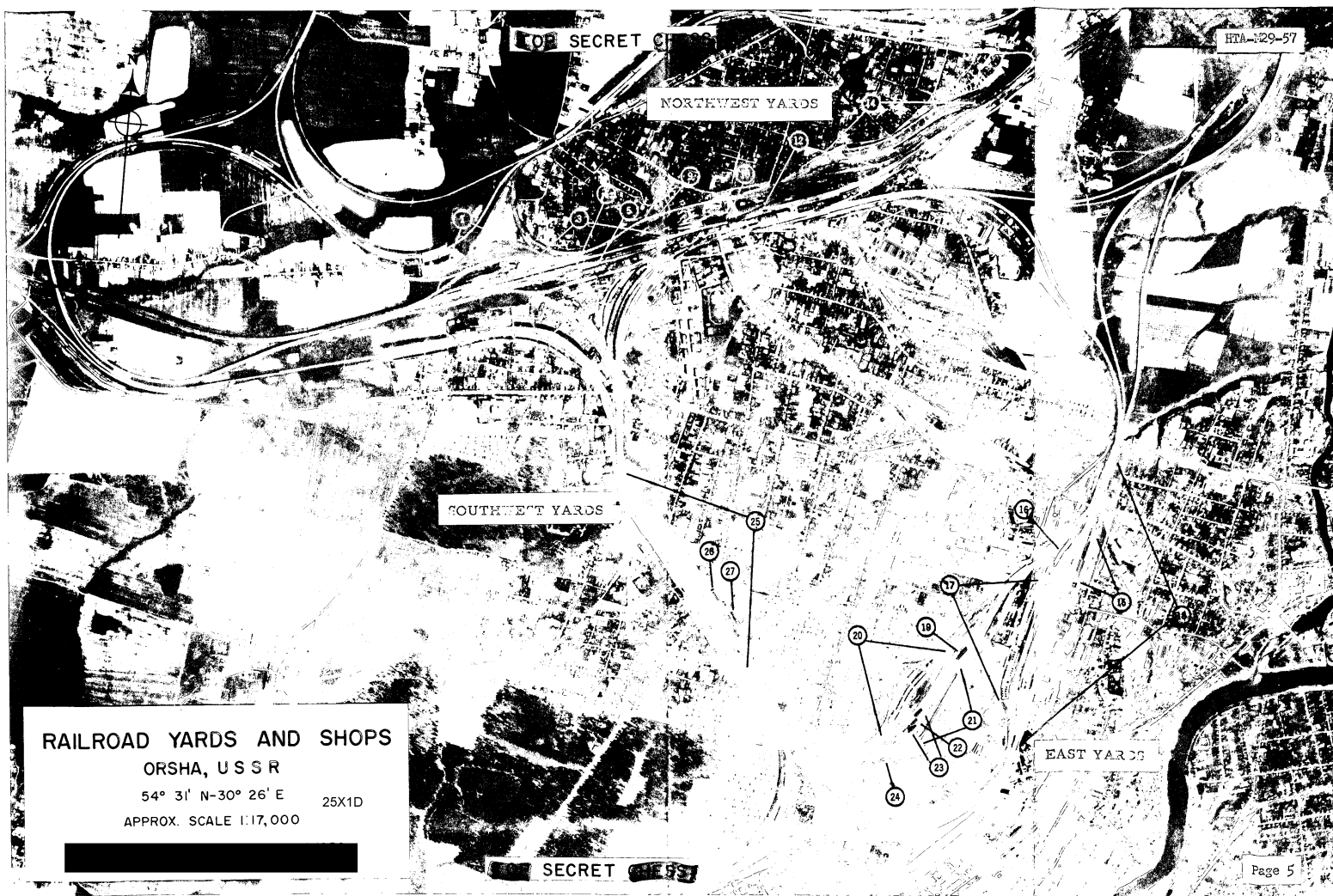
1. Open coal storage, 2200' long, 200' average width. No basic change in size since [REDACTED]
2. Turntable, 100' diameter. Still in service.
3. Holding yard, 3000' long, 6-8 tracks wide. No basic change in size or trackage since [REDACTED]
4. Loading platform, 220'x 30'. New since [REDACTED]
5. Freight warehouse, 310'x 40'. New since [REDACTED]
6. Four rail sidings in fenced area. For storage of military rolling stock. No basic change in size or trackage since [REDACTED]
7. Locomotive and car servicing and repair area. See items 8, 9, and 10.
8. Locomotive sheds: one 300'x 70' (monitor roof), and one 230'x 100' (arched roof). No basic change in size since [REDACTED]
9. Machine shop, 270'x 60' (flat roof). No basic change since [REDACTED]
10. Probable car shed, 340'x 65' (monitor roof). No basic change in size since [REDACTED]
11. Passenger station, 450'x 75'. No change since [REDACTED]
12. Open coal storage, 1900' long, 170' average width. No basic change in size since [REDACTED]
13. Relay yard, 3100' long, 6-8 tracks wide. No basic change in size or trackage since [REDACTED]
14. Classification yard, 3400' long, 10-12 tracks wide; formerly twice this size.

EAST YARDS

15. Freight warehouses (3) 295'x 75', 300'x 75', and 200'x 35'. No change since [REDACTED]
16. Open bin for bulk stores, 1200'x 140' (rock, gravel, etc.).
17. Freight terminal area. Northern section averages 1000'x 540' and southern section 800'x 155'. Area is fenced and contains two warehouses, 500'x 135' and 780'x 135', and 55 storage sheds each 30'x 30'. No basic change since [REDACTED]
18. Classification yard, 5000'x 400', 16-20 tracks. No basic change in over-all size, but approximately 10 tracks removed.
19. Shop building, 250'x 50' (monitor roof). One formerly connected section of equal size has been removed.
20. Open stores and coal storage area, 1700' long and averaging 340' in width.
21. Fenced open storage area, 1400'x 300'. Contains rail sidings for storage of military rolling stock. No change in amount of trackage since [REDACTED]
22. Machine shop, 140'x 70' (flat roof). No change in size since [REDACTED]
23. Locomotive servicing and repair sheds: two, each 175'x 75' (transverse monitor roof). Three tracks enter each shed. No change in size since [REDACTED]
24. Shop building, 250'x 60' (monitor roof). No change in size since [REDACTED]

SOUTHWEST YARDS

25. Holding and classification yard, 2800' long, 350' wide. Contains 12-16 tracks. No basic change in size or trackage since [REDACTED]
26. Car shed, 190'x 50' (monitor roof). No basic change in size since [REDACTED]
27. Storage building, 250'x 40' (flat roof). No basic change in size since [REDACTED]



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EAST YARDS

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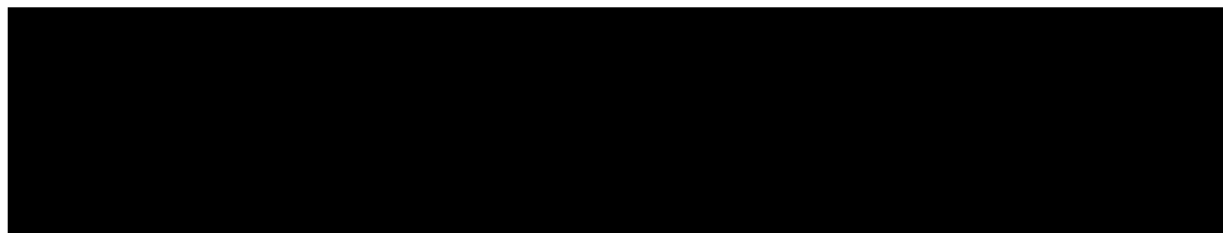
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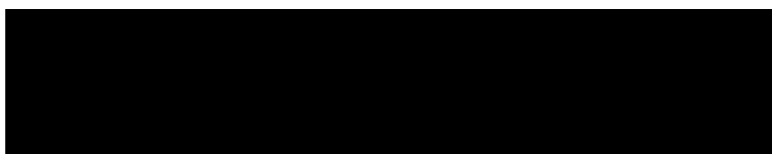
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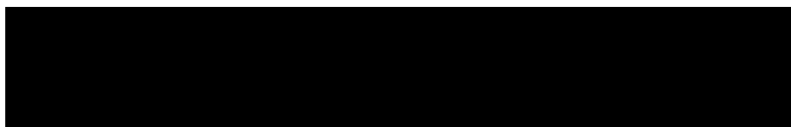
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COORDINATES: 54°31'N - 30°22'E Northwest Yards
54°30'N - 30°24'E East Yards
54°31'N - 30°22'E Southwest Yards



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